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## WANTED: MEADOWLANDS PHOTOGRAPHERS

*NJMC's free amateur photo contest returns*

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** – The New Jersey Meadowlands is calling on local amateur photographers to strut their stuff and “Show Us Your Meadowlands” in a 2008 photo contest.

After a hiatus of several years, the NJMC photography competition returns with three subjects for artists to choose from: Meadowlands economy, Meadowlands community and Meadowlands environment. Photographers can enter up to three black and white or color photographs for each category, as long as the prints are received by 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 3. Submission requirements are listed in the official rules below.

“There is something for everyone to enjoy in the Meadowlands District, and this contest celebrates that diversity,” said Robert Ceberio, NJMC Executive Director. “This is a great chance for artists to show off their work and an opportunity for all of us to enjoy the result.”

Winners will be chosen by the NJMC judges committee and announced at the November 2008 commission meeting. They will also receive cash prizes of up to \$200 and have their winning prints displayed at the NJMC’s Flyway Gallery for the entire month of December.

Subjects must be clearly identifiable as part of the Meadowlands District. The contest is open only to residents of the 14 Meadowlands Municipalities: Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Little Ferry, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, North Arlington, Ridgfield, Rutherford, South Hackensack, Teterboro, Jersey City, Kearny, North Bergen and Secaucus.

For more information, interested photographers should contact Mimi Sabatino at 201-460-2003, or at [mimi.sabatino@njmeadowlands.gov](mailto:mimi.sabatino@njmeadowlands.gov). Official entry forms are also available at the bottom of the home page on the NJMC website: [njmeadowlands.gov](http://njmeadowlands.gov).

## **CONTEST CATEGORIES:**

### **CATEGORY ONE:**

“Show Us Your Meadowlands” Economy

*Submissions should reflect the economic engine driving the Meadowlands District.*

### **CATEGORY TWO:**

“Show Us Your Meadowlands” Community

*Submissions should reflect the sense of community found in the Meadowlands District.*

### **CATEGORY THREE:**

“Show Us Your Meadowlands” Environment

*Submissions should reflect the environmental beauty of the Meadowlands District.*

## **OFFICIAL RULES:**

- 1.) The “Show Us Your Meadowlands” Photograph Contest should portray the unique natural character of the Meadowlands economy, the community and the environment.
- 2.) All entries must be identified as being taken in the Meadowlands by indicating specific location of subject.
- 3.) The contest is open to amateur photographers only. Prizes will be awarded in each category: First Place, \$200, Second Place, \$100, and Third Place, \$50.
- 4.) All applicants must reside within one of the Hackensack Meadowlands District municipalities. (Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Little Ferry, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, North Arlington, Ridgefield, Rutherford, South Hackensack, Teterboro, Jersey City, Kearny, North Bergen, Secaucus.)
- 5.) The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 3, 2008. Work received after the deadline will be returned unopened.
- 6.) All photographs must have been taken by the person entering the contest. Please do not submit transparencies or digital files. Entries can be in black and white or color with a minimum size of 5x7 and maximum size of 11x14 inches. All entries must be submitted unframed and if smaller than 11X14, mounted on an 11x14 foam core or matt board. If the judges request, photographers may be required to submit original transparencies, negatives or digital files prior to finalizing contest results.
- 7.) Entries are judged on originality, composition, technical quality and artistic merit. The decision of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission judges committee is final.
- 8.) There is no entry fee. Entrants may submit up to three prints in each category. A copy of the entry form should be firmly affixed to the back of each submission.

- 9.) Winners will be announced at the November 2008 commission meeting.
- 10.) All entries must be available for exhibit at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission Flyway Gallery for the entire month of December 2008.
- 11.) By entering, participants warrant that his or her entry materials are original, that they do not infringe on any third party's rights, and that the participant has obtained any necessary permissions from any third party if a third party or third party's property appears in the photograph.
- 12.) By entering the Contest, all participants grant an irrevocable perpetual non-exclusive license to the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission to reproduce, distribute, display, and adapt the entries (along with a name credit) in connection with the promotion of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, in any media now or hereafter known.
- 13.) If you would like your entry to be returned, please enclose the appropriate stamped, self-addressed envelope.
- 14.) New Jersey Meadowlands Commission employees, judges and their families are not eligible.

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